Student experience at City

At City we have lots of activities you can get involved with outside of your course, giving you a well-rounded university experience and supporting you with your career after you graduate. We have placements years and study abroad terms/years which you can undertake as part of your course. Alongside your course there are plenty of opportunities to gain experience and skills and to meet new people. These include CitySport, societies, the Students Union, being a course rep, mentoring, buddy scheme and more. We are running a CityChat session specifically on the City Experience so you can find out more about these opportunities and how they can benefit you.

Thank you for joining us for today’s CityChat session. This session runs from 16:30 - 17:30 (GMT). This is an open chat session for you to ask any questions you have regarding the activities you can get involved with outside of your course at City that can benefit your personal and career development. During the session we may also share videos or useful information.

To ask a question, please type it in the chat box. Your question will not post straight away: it will be sent to our moderators who will type an answer back. Once their answer is complete, it will be published with your question. You are also welcome to post just saying hi and introducing yourself.

Your moderators today are our student ambassadors Kaniescka Yogeswaran (Mathematics with Financial Economics student), Ali Tariq (Mathematics and Finance student) and Forhad Ahmed (Economics student); and also members of City’s Marketing Team: Meg Magrath, Rebecca Montgomery, Danisha Mudasige and Zhuliya Boyanova.

Hi, I’m Rebecca and I work in the marketing team at City. Happy to answer any questions!:

Hi all! Welcome to our session. My name is Zhuliya and I am work in the UK Marketing and Recruitment Team at City. An interesting fact about me is that I studied journalism at City and have benefited immensely from the opportunities available at City. I have been part of the mentoring scheme which paired me up with a professional mentor during my second year. This ultimately helped me to gain a lot of experience in the journalism and marketing industries. I was also a senior marketing ambassador throughout my studies which ultimately pointed me in the right direction in terms of career direction. Here to ask any questions you have!

Hello! My name is Danisha and I work in the Marketing and Recruitment Team. And my fun fact is that I too was a student here at City! I studied Accounting and Finance, and through the optional Placement Year option, I was able to spend a year abroad, in Vancouver, Canada. Hence, if you have any questions about studying abroad, please do feel free to ask me :) I was also part of the Student Ambassador Scheme and became a Senior Marketing Ambassador at the end of my first year. Excited to chat to you all!

Hi everyone, my name is Kaniescka and I’m a third year Mathematics with Finance and Economics. Please feel free to ask any questions!

Hi all, my name is Ali and I’m a final year Mathematics & Finance student. Happy to answer any questions you may have! :) 

Hi everyone, my names Forhad, I’m a final year student studying Economics at City, I am a born and bred Londoner and I have taken part in a variety of schemes at City including City’s Student ambassador scheme and am I actively take part in various society’s such as the Economics Society, I also play for the cricket team and have lived in accommodation for my first year at City so hopefully I’m well equipped to answer any queries you have!
Hi there,
i was wondering how was the jump from a level to the course?
Esp about accounting and finance
I have a question based on the courses I am applying to
With foundation programmers at city (specifically optometry) is it guaranteed that you will move on to the Bsc optometry straight after?
Hi, how much could we earn in part time job?
I have a question based on the courses I am applying to
Hi - which course are you applying for?
Hi everyone! I've applied to read law at City and have some questions about the course
Esp about accounting and finance
Of course!
Yes, I will admit that there was quite a bit of a jump from A-Level to first year in the course, but there was so much support to help aid in the transition!
What kind of support is given to help the transition?
Hi, there is guaranteed progression to BSc Optometry at City, University of London subject to achieving >65% overall with no failed modules AND meeting the entry requirements for BSc Optometry regarding satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Attendance > 80% across all modules (labs and tutorials).
Civil engineering, I will apply for this course
Hi how much we could earn in part time job?

Hi, there is a great potential to earn some income while at City, I myself am part of various ambassador schemes such as widening participation and marketing. At university the pay is competitive, we also offer several part-time roles through our in-house careers service via UniTemps. Here is a link to help you get an insight!

https://www.city.ac.uk/careers/city-opportunities/unitemps

Unitemps

Unitemps City branch provides temporary work at City, University of London and in the local area to students, graduates, and the general public.

I am mainly applying to Psychology, City being my top choice. I also wanted to apply to Foundation Optometry at City, but I have not done any relevant A level but got the GCSE grades. Would the university think I am not sure on choosing my course, or is it fine to add as a backup?

Hi everyone! My names Tanisha, I've applied to read law at City and have some questions about the course

Hi Tanisha. This chat is about student experience at City and is not focused on law. We will host some subject-specific questions later in the year. Do you have any questions regarding student experience at City?

Hi, I've read online on websites such as student room that the student life at City is poor. What's student life like?

How is student life at city?

I have applied for LLB full time can I'll be able to get part time job?

By student life I mean clubs and etc, the “uni experience”

I'm wondering if I could still get answers concerning the Engineering school...I have already applied for Biomedical Engineering

for accounting and finance, have you ever let anyone on the course that had not met the initial entry requirements

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Hi, yes lots of the students on the LLB course work part time. There are a number of jobs available on campus, such as working as a Student Ambassador, that can fit around your studies.
What kind of support is given to help the transition?

As soon as you join City, you will be assigned a Personal Tutor, who will be there with you throughout all your years at City as a point of reference. The Course Office also is there to support you throughout, on top of all the lecturers having out of office hours to help discuss any content you are unsure about outside of class. Hope that helps :)

How did you find the support system within the university? Is there a reasonable amount given by tutors and other students?

Hi does city offer any contextual offers

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Hi can you please specify your question?

I've applied for Investment and Financial Risk management. I haven't really heard of City until I looked deeper into good uni's for business and etc. Would City be regarded as better than Russel group university's such as Leeds?

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Unfortunately, I am unable to advise on this. Admissions are done on a case by case basis, and are highly dependent on the department. Please contact UG Enquiries or the relevant course departments.

Hi, I've read on line on websites such as student room that the student life at City is poor. What's student life like?

Hi, I can ensure you that City and London in general provides a great opportunity to maximise student experience here at City, we have a variety of societies and clubs through events and also we have some of the best sports facilities in London which I really enjoy. I would definitely recommend looking on out Student Union and CitySport websites to gain a greater insight into what City is doing to maximise experience!

https://www.citystudents.co.uk/  https://www.citysport.org.uk/
Hi, I don’t have the statistics for the percentage who transitioned to the full degree. If you email ugenuquiries@city.ac.uk we’ll be able to check and let you know.

How are the lectures taught?

For accounting and finance, have you ever let anyone on the course that had not met the initial entry requirements?

We got have foundation programme which, if you do not meet the requirements for the three year Accounting and Finance course, you will often be offered a place onto this course instead. Nevertheless, there have been instances when people have just missed the entry requirements, but still retained their offer- but this is dependent on a year on year basis. Hope that helps :)

How is student life at city?

Hi. City is a very diverse university so you get to meet great people with similar interests to you. There are many societies available at City for you to join and the events that are held are always engaging. In terms of studying, you will have a good balance of free time and studying time.

Hi does city offer any contextual offers

No we don’t. Every application is considered on a case by case basis.

Is city a highly ranked university

How much did it cost for accommodation?

Or would going somewhere like Leeds or Nottingham for Finance, be better?

What makes city a better university than others?

How much did it cost for accommodation?

For 2018/19, Accommodation prices start from £156 per week

How did you find the support system within the university? Is there a reasonable amount given by tutors and other students?

You have plenty of available at City. Our award-winning student centre can assist with a lot of problems related to visas, accommodations etc. Lecturers have always helped me as much as they can with coursework. No matter which university you go to the most important thing is to seek advise and be proactive - so the level of support depends on your initiative.
How are the lectures taught?
Lecturers can teach via powerpoint slides, or by notes which they write up on the board. This does depend on the lecturer so this can vary.

What did it include?

Ok thank you all

I'm planning on applying to the business management course without a year abroad so would I be able to go on a year abroad if I want to do it later on

Hi,i understand application for a course in Engineering is competitive...kindly can you specify what percentat

Is city a fun university to be at?

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CASS business school is ranked highly in Europe and as a branch of our university heavily focused on the financial industries , while I cant comment on specific university such as Leeds I must stress that CASS really targets learning towards possible career paths as a result , I would suggest analysing the modules and assessing whether they fit well around your aspirational goals. - https://www.cass.city.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/investment-and-financial-risk-management

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Discover Cass Business School's BSc (Hons) in Investment and Financial Risk Management. On this course, you’ll study every aspect of the discipline, from managing global investment portfolios to asset trading, as well as investment banking and many other areas of risk and investments. This is extraordinary calling. Come and be a part of it.
Undergraduate student accommodation

City, University of London undergraduate students can apply for a place in our modern halls of residence or get help with finding private accommodation in London.

I mean what percentage of Non-EU students are enrolled yearly?

16% is EU, 32% International and 52% UK!

I've already looked at the modules and the course is amazing. City's focus on careers fascinates me.

Hi, I understand application for a course in Engineering is competitive... kindly can you specify what percentage of students are enrolled yearly?

Hi, you will be able to find all entry requirements on the relevant department page on the City website. Entry requirements vary depending on education system.
Yes of course, what I wanted to say was: how much students there are usually in one classroom?

That depends on the course you are studying and whether you attend a lecture, tutorial or workshop.

What kind of assistance is given to international students at the arrival?

Does international Europe students need to translate their grades into English for their application?

If I go on a year abroad will I be going by myself or with others doing the same course as me and will we have the same accommodation?

Nearest shops to city

Is City a fun university to be at?

Most definitely, I would say City’s promotes a range of different fun aspects from education to social life, I have really enjoyed the strong influence of London itself as well as ensuring and investing heavily in student experience to provide a well balanced experience.

What do you wish you had known before you started at City?

Does international Europe students need to translate their grades into English for their application?

I would contact the international team for advice about this: international@city.ac.uk

I just wanted to know what student life at City is like

What kind of assistance is given to international students at the arrival?

You get plenty of support. During Welcome Week you can attend the International Student Reception. There is also an annual International City Week with plenty of activities tailored specifically for international students.

Nearest shops to city

There is Angel Shopping Centre 10 minute walk away - including places to eat, retail outlets and there is Vue cinema too. There are many small cafes and diners located within 5 minutes of the university too.

How do City regard International Baccalaureate (IB) students?
If I go on a year abroad will I be going by myself or with others doing the same course as me and will we have the same accommodation

Hi! Totally dependent on whether other people in your course apply to the same university or not. And if they do, you could try to organise it so you will be able to in the same accommodation. However, in my case, I was the only one who went to University of British Columbia - nevertheless, getting accommodation abroad was very easy via the university. Hope that helps!

I just wanted to know what student life at City is like

It is quite a lot of fun. There is always something happening on campus you can join. Our Students’ Union host numerous events throughout the year and help students set up societies. Please check www.citystudents.co.uk to find out more.

City Students’ Union

How do City regard International Baccalaureate (IB) students?

Hey, we accept many forms of qualifications including IB. It would depend on your predicted grades.

say if you have 3 a level results and one of them is only an AS level because of the colleges decisions, is there any way you could still get onto a course (accounting and finance)

Would you recommend a year abroad what are the benefits

What do you wish you had known before you started at City?

I wish I had known more about opportunities such as learning a new language, City provides a range of language courses from Spanish to Mandarin and is definitely an opportunity not to miss!

Civil engineering - is there opportunity to study this with year abroad?

Where are most international students from? For example, from China or India and etc

Also would I be able to set up my own business if I’m studying business management

Is the university dominated by international students?
What languages are available to learn?

Forhad, which languages can I learn in University?

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We have students from all over the world.

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Hi, in regard to specific entry requirements questions, please send an email to cassug@city.ac.uk. Hope that helps :)

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No but there is an option of doing a placement.

Also would I be able to set up my own business if I'm studying business management?

Yes absolutely, one of the pathways under the business management programmes is Business Management with Digital Innovation and Entrepreneurship which focuses on setting up your own business.

Is the university dominated by international students?

I would say that is not the case at City, we have a variety of all backgrounds at City, latest statistics from our website show that current demographics point to students forming 16% EU, 32% International and 52% UK!

Would you recommend a year abroad; what are the benefits?

A year abroad will definitely give you a different experience - you'll get to meet other students and explore a new country/culture.

How many days a week do you have lectures?
What languages are available to learn?

We currently have French, German, Spanish, Arabic and Mandarin. Find our more here

https://www.city.ac.uk/arts-social-sciences/centre-for-language-studies

Centre for Language Studies

The Centre for Language Studies at City, University of London - teaching language and culture to City staff and students.

How many days a week do you have lectures?

This will vary course to course - personally I am in 4 days a week.

How many holidays do you have and what kinds of student clubs and extracurricular activities are available

how many lectures would you have for cass business school degrees

Does anyone study investment and financial risk management

City, University of London: Student Experience - My Life at City

https://youtu.be/mSnyDZDFnIk
City, University of London Campus Tour

https://youtu.be/yFIFxXWxrg

| how many lectures would you have for cass business school degrees
It will still vary depending on the course. Please contact the department for this query.

If I study business management with digital innovation and entrepreneurship do I have to set up a digital business or can I set up a business selling physical goods also how would I get supported with setting it up and would I get any financial help

Okay thanks

What does city have that other unis don’t? Why did you choose to study at City?

Is there any part time work available?

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Some courses have what we call a ‘Reading Week’. This is one week off to revise/catch-up with university work. There is usually a reading week around November and March (Easter). In terms of student clubs, there are many societies for you to join. Here is a link where you can take a look at all the societies you can join:
https://www.citystudents.co.uk/getinvolved/societies/

Societies

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What does city have that other unis don’t/ Why did you choose to study at City?

Personally I came to City because it was located in the heart of London and I knew from the very beginning that will give me the opportunity to get work experience at leading London companies.

Zhuliyna, what is different at City in comparison to LSE or UCL?

Those two are at the heart of London too.

I am a CityBuddy mentor, this scheme is to help first years with their transition into university. You will sign up during the first weeks at City then, you will be matched with someone either in your course or a similar course who is in Year 2 or 3. If you have any questions regarding the scheme, feel free to ask. :)

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Hiya, looking at the course page (https://www.cass.city.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/business-management-digital-innovation-entrepreneurship) it seems there are a number of modules relevant to Digital Business, and though I am unsure about the assessment methods of said modules, I am sure there will thorough support from the Academic leading the class. Hope that helps.

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Student Development with City Careers

https://youtu.be/pJm1x6U1_w

Good evening

Good Evening, how can I help you?:)

Zhuliyan, what is different at City in comparison to LSE or UCL?

I cannot really comment on other universities as I haven't studied here. I think City is a great University to study at. I did BA journalism and managed to get work experience at the Times and Sky News. This is invaluable experience that boosted my CV loads. The career centre was also really helpful in terms of helping me tailor my CV and cover letter when applying for jobs after graduation.

Will I be interviewed

Hi, no Psychology don't interview applicants so it will be based on your grades and personal statement in your UCAS application. Good luck!

How did you find living away from home?

First my English is not good. I would like to know how to study topics in computer science.

Hey I was just wondering if I apply to a course which is looking for ABB And it's a conditional offer. Say in results day I get CCC/DDD/CCB do you think I'll still get in or my offer will be decline on results.

Is it page for student loans in Your University, student finance?

Do accounting and finance do interviews.

Hi, no they do not. Hope that helps :)

I picked Sociology With Psychology, the reason why I didn’t pick psychology was because I wasn’t too sure of what I wanted to do.

Does accounting and finance degrees only look at grades and personal statements?

I heard that it’s difficult to find a job with a Psychology degree.

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Hi. More information about UG fees can be found here https://www.city.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/fees Fees

Information about tuition fees for undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses when studying at City, University of London. View your options for funding and courses today.

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Hi, we can only guarantee your place if you meet the conditions of your offer. It is sometimes possible to be accepted if you’re a little under the offer, but it really depends on all the other students who have applied to the course how many spaces have been filled by those who met the offer.

How did you find living away from home?

I found it a really insightful and fun experience. City is very diverse and the accommodation I was in Liberty Hall had a floor dedicated to first year undergraduates so everyone learnt to adapt progressively, I did have to cook more though and ultimately be more independent and you can’t put a price on life skills! Here is a link for the various accommodations for undergraduates - https://www.city.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate

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Yes, we want to see good predicted grade and strong personal statement and a supportive reference.
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Are you applying for the Computer Science Course? I will give a link to the Computer Science page on our website, feel free to take a look at the modules that you will learn so you can read up on them:

https://www.city.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/computer-science

Computer Science (BSc)

A degree in Computer Science from City, University of London will provide you with a strong, broad-based education in computing as a scientific and technological discipline.

Thanks Rebecca, but does this normally happen if you are under the grades needed. Or is rare if you get in. Like does it happen often?

If you’re only a little under the conditional offer it can happen.

So for ABB what’s a little under that

If you missed it by one grade

If heard that it's difficult to find a job with a Psychology degree

Hi, my advice is to study something you are passionate about and will help you sell yourself after graduation when you apply for jobs. Ultimately it is your choice and of course there are pros and cons for any course and you aren't ever guaranteed a job. But 3 years is a long time to spend doing a course that you don't feel passionate about!

Kaniescka ((And how to trained

Do it through the Internet))

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Depends year to year, due to the amount of modules you may take, however in my experience first year and second year tended to have around 25 contact hours and a lot of independent study, I would recommend seeing this programme for a greater insight - https://www.city.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/371621/USPSYC-BSc-Psychology.pdf

What could be improved at City?
How is the timetable for people who study full time?

What you will find particular days such as Wednesdays are usually reserved for sport and societies and often is hat case you may have an extra day free if your tutorials are allocated in a particular order. Contact hours however are and will be fixed.

Thank you for your kind response. I’m glad, it was an amazing chat.

Kaniescka

(And how to be trained
Do it through the Internet)

While you are studying Computer Science at university, you will receive support such as computer lab sessions and 80% of your time will be independent learning. You can complement attending lectures by studying from books/online.

What could be improved at City?

Students are constantly giving feedback to lecturers hence, all courses at City are always improving year on year.

City also invests heavily in new facilities - for example this year, City invested in new computer suites open for everyone to use.

There are 10 minutes left of this chat session. Please ask any further questions now.

I applied to to City’s joint psychology and criminology course, is it difficult doing joint degrees

How is the social life when not in lectures?

Kaniescka

If I can not study at university
Can I study online

Services for students at City, University of London

https://youtu.be/DgvSuOOGXY
How is the social life when not in lectures?

Social life I would say is an extremely important aspect to my university experience, I have found being in the heart of London has made it extremely easy to socialise at all times outside of lecture for example we are minutes away from the high street and the facilities around campus are great for meeting informally with friends and having some time away from lectures.

Kaniescka If I can not study at university
Can I study online

Unfortunately we don't offer online courses

hi! Where should the predicted grades be mentioned?

In your UCAS application.

What is the typical workload for an engineering student?

Thank you for the help

What is the typical workload for an engineering student?

We don’t have any engineering students here but all our engineering courses have a common first year. You’d spend time is lectures, seminars and labs.

There are 5 minutes left of this chat session. Please ask any further questions now.

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Hi. I am currently studying Maths with Finance and Economics so I am taught by 3 different departments. Do not worry as you will not be doing twice as much the twice because you are doing a joint degree. Your course will be split so that you attend some criminology lectures along with psychology.
City, University of London Campus tour

City, University of London Campus Tour
https://youtu.be/yFIIFdXXVxg

Kaniescka If I can not study at university
Can I study online

Hi, I am sure that you can learn Computer Science online.

Do most students live out or do they travel from home

During the first year of university, many students do live out especially to experience something different. However, due to the great transport connections into City Uni, many students do commute into university in later years.

Thank you

You’re welcome

This chat session how has now ended. Thank you so much for all of your questions! If you have any further questions, please email ugenquiries@city.ac.uk.